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MAXWELL: The Machine

After Adelaide City Juventus had destroyed Footscray J.U.S.T. 7-1, we asked reporter Milan Ninovic which J.U.S.T. player had marked Steve Maxwell. Ninovic, who had watched the game, said: "You think you can mark Platini? You think you can mark Maradona?"

OK, so it was a bit over the top, but after scoring five goals in two games, Maxwell (right, in picture) has joined the ranks of Charlie Egan, Doug Brown, Marshall Soper, Sean Lane and Chris Kalantzi as the very least.

Maxwell's power and speed are nothing short of awesome. He has had the potential to put his way out of the game and along as the greatest striker in Australian soccer.

This may well be his year.

It could also be the year of South Australia, thanks not only to Maxwell, but also to his Adelaide Juventus benchmen and the likes of Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, George Konstantopoulos and Brian McHugh of neighboring Adelaide Helles.

Maxwell, 21, is sure of one thing: he was right to knock back offers from Green Gully, Heidelberg-Alexander and Makedonia in the past two seasons, because none of them will match Juventus this year.

Coach Zoran Matic deserves praise as much as the players, he says.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"Under Zoran we're playing a different style. We're switching play a lot — and they say that's the way the team played when it was so successful in the early years of the National League. Our Northcote and then Santac are very important in switching the ball but Santac is having at least two weeks off due to injury, and Northcote will be out for most of the year because of a snapped Achilles.

"Still, we've got new players (see separate story page 3) that understand us, and we've been together for at least three years. We've got a tight team unit."

Former Juventus coach Edmund Kraft switched Maxwell from attack to left midfield when the goals wouldn't come last year. But when Matic took over, he put Maxwell back into attack, and State coach Matic would also use Maxwell up front on South Australia's tour to India in late 1985.

"Playing in midfield for a while, helped my game because from there, I could observe other players. I watched, for example, the run Charlie Egan makes for South Melbourne, and the way he holds the ball."

Talking about Juventus's 7-1 thrashing of J.U.S.T., he says:

"It was incredible. We had played better the previous week, when we drew 2-2 with Heidelberg in Melbourne. Everything just fell into place for us, even though we lost Northcote and Santac during the match. Jon Mullan dropped back, Sergio Mazzoni moved midfield and Costante came in up front, and we just came from strength to strength."

"Footscray's defence was very slack, couldn't believe it. We always had time to turn and we could do whatever we wanted. I'd expected so much more from Footscray because we'd heard so much about the Yugoslav imports. I had no one specific marking me. Neither did Mullan. No. 8 (Vlado Stosic) is a good player, though."

And how had he fared against Heidelberg's star signing, Alan Hunter, the previous week?

"Hunter's very strong, but he's a bit slow, so I don't mind playing against fellow like that," Maxwell says.

Toddy Maybank, star recruit who used to play for Fulham and Chelsea among others, will further strengthen Juventus's top-five bid.

And the finals would give Maxwell compensation from his biggest soccer disappointment — being omitted, along with Luciano Fabrizio, Marcelo Salvado and David Miller, from the squad for the World Youth Championships in Mexico in 1983.

Air Malta draws sponsors

The Air Malta Player of the Year award proved an instant hit with fans of the Skypack NSW State League, so much so that more sponsorship has come flooding in.

But while others in the league look forward to a tremendous season, Attila Abonyi and Raul Carrizo are licking their wounds after losing their coaching jobs. Rockdale Ilinden sacked Abonyi and Auburn Uruguay axed Carrizo after first-round defeats (see page 13).

Inwray Pty Ltd of Wollongong will sponsor the NSW State League top scorer award and the Fraternity Club of Fairy Meadow will reward the best under 21 player. More awards are in the pipeline.

It is the first time in publishing history that three major awards have been offered in the NSW State League competition. "Soccer Action's" coverage of the league will be the biggest and the best and has been increased to cover lower grades. See pages 13 and 14.

Meanwhile, Mitre has picked up sponsorship of our NSL top scorer award. See page 4.

AROK HITS OUT

'I'm not a deaf
and blind idiot'

By LAURIE SCHWAB



These people should have the decency, or guts, to speak to me face to face, not go through the press.

"If they want me to sit down and shut up like a good little boy, they should go for someone else. It is not me. I am not a deaf and blind idiot. My God, I have given the sport more space and time in the media than anyone else."

Arok was told at the start of the World Cup committee meeting that he was being offered the national team job for two years, with a two-year option, but that he would have nothing to do with the youth or under 16 teams. Les Scheinung rejected Jim Shoulder as national youth coach, and Vic Dolgeberg retained the under 16 job.

Arok's appointment is retrospective to January 1 this year.

He is away with the 1986

match schedule, which com-

prises 10 games and 40 days of

training camps.

The Soccerco first assign-

ment will be against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne on

August 3, Adelaide on August

6 and Sydney (Parramatta) on

August 10.

There will be three matches

against China, including the an-

ual Ampol Cup in Beijing, a

home-and-away clash with

New Zealand and games in Ja-

pan and Hong Kong.

A new sponsorship deal to

be announced by the ASF

within a week will help meet

the costs of these matches.

Arok said he would encourage

whether overseas-based play-

ers Jim Patikas (AEK Athens)

and Oscar Crino (Anorthosis,

Cyprus) will be eligible to play

in the Olympics.

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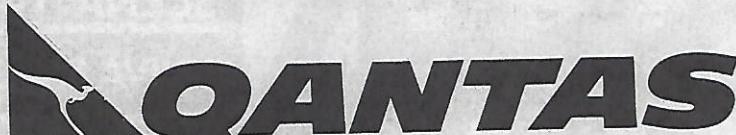
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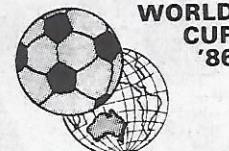
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1. The Tournament is organised by A.I. Kennedy Promotions and is in accordance with the Victorian Soccer Federation and National League Bodies.
2. A Committee appointed by A.I. Kennedy Promotions shall have complete authority in all matters relating to the control and progress of the Tournament.
3. The winning team in the Under 14's shall receive a Cup and 16 gold medals. All participating players will receive a diploma. The Team Managers and Coaches of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. shall receive a memento. The winning team of the Under 14's shall retain the trophy for 9 months, at the end of which period of time, the trophy shall be returned to A.I. Kennedy Promotions.
4. By entering the Tournament, the 'Countries' undertake to accept all decisions made by A.I. Kennedy Promotions and the Controlling Committee.
5. The Tournament will be organised in 4 groups and in the case of the Under 14's players must have been born January 1st 1971 or later. The Tournament will be organised on a sectional basis, each team playing a match with the other teams in its section and points being awarded on a league basis; i.e. 2 points per win and 1 point for a draw.
6. If after the conclusion of the section matches, the points system has not been decisive, Goal difference shall be decisive; i.e. The team with the greatest difference between goals (for) and goals (against) shall qualify. If the goal difference is equal, the team that has scored the highest number of goals shall qualify for the next stage. If this procedure does not prove decisive, the difference in goals in the match between the teams shall be decisive. Should this fail to produce a decision, the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the system laid down by FIFA.
7. If the Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final matches of the Tournament end in a draw, the winner shall be decided by extra time of 10 minutes each way being played. If the 2 teams are still level at the end of extra time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the system laid down by FIFA.
8. The matches of the Tournament shall be played in conformity with the International laws of the game, 5 (five) substitutes, including the goal-keeper may be fielded at any time during the match.
9. The duration of play shall be as follows:-
Under 14's 30 minutes each way
Seniors 45 minutes each way.

10. All teams must be forwarded to the "World Cup" Committee by September 1st, 1986. A list of players for the Juniors only, with their dates of birth, their passports, photographs and a letter of confirmation from their own Club, giving permission to play. Photostat copies will be acceptable. no player can take part in the Tournament until this requirement has been met, to the satisfaction of the "World Cup" Committee.

11. Each team may register up to 16 players who can take part in the Tournament. Players must play in a number strip (numbered 1 to 16) and each player keeps the same number throughout the Tournament.

12. (a) Players to be eligible to play in this Tournament shall be registered with the Federation or the National Soccer League.
(b) Players representing a country in this Tournament shall be either:
(i) born or naturalised in the country for which the player wishes to play.
(ii) or have a parent born or naturalised in the country for which the player wishes to play.
(iii) Only in the case of 'Australia' anyone who is a permanent resident of Australia is eligible to play for Australia.

13. When the colours of 2 teams strips may lead to confusion, the away team shall be required to change (the away team being the 2nd named team). Referees shall be appointed by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

14. 15. (a) If a player is sent off the field by the referee, that player shall automatically be suspended from taking part in his Country's next match in this Tournament.
(b) If the offence is a serious one, his case shall be considered by the "World Cup" Committee, who shall be entitled to impose a more serious punishment.
(c) The same player being sent off twice, shall automatically be suspended from the remainder of the Tournament.
(d) If a player receives a 2nd caution (yellow card) in the Tournament. He shall automatically be suspended from taking part in his Country's next match.

16. All cases of disciplinary action and reports shall, at the discretion of the "World Cup" Committee, be reported to the Victorian Soccer Federation. All appeals will be judged by the "World Cup" Committee, appointed by A.I. Kennedy Promotions. The decision of the Committee shall be final and no other discussions or correspondence shall be entered into. All appeals must be made in writing by the Team Manager and lodged at the Clubhouse no later than 45 (forty-five) minutes after the match has finished. The appeal shall be presented in detail and a fee of \$20.00 will accompany the appeal. Should the appeal be upheld, the fee will be returned.
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Maybank can't make up for Northcote loss

The presence of former Chelsea striker Teddy Maybank has done little to ease the disappointment felt by Adelaide Juventus coach Zoran Matic at losing star midfielder Brian Northcote for perhaps the remainder of the season.

Maybank played with Adelaide Juventus's Second Division team last weekend and his position at the club will be reviewed in three weeks' time.

Northcote snapped an Achilles tendon during Juventus's stunning 1-1 win over Footscray JUST.

"I'd rather have lost that game 7-1 than lose Northcote. Everything I've done in the past few months was built around him. Now I have to find a replacement or completely change the way we're playing," said Matic.

Northcote will be in plaster for another seven weeks and there's just a glimmer of hope that he'll play again this year.

"Northcote is a very, very strong man, that's the one thing I can say for him as he tries to recover from this injury," said Matic.

Maybank, 28, and two Argentinians started training with Juventus recently. The Argentinians were rejected by Beograd and seem content to play in Juventus's Second Division side.

Maybank is a different proposition. He hopes to revive a career prematurely ended by a serious knee operation.

His career began as a 15-year-old apprentice at Chelsea, where he played as a defender when he was 17. He was at Chelsea for three seasons, then switched to Fulham on loan, finishing his first season there as top scorer. He then joined Brighton and helped it gain promotion to Division One. After recovering from a cartilage operation, Maybank returned to Fulham before joining Dutch club PSV Eindhoven. He was given a free clearance by PSV after suffering another knee injury.

"He's looked good in training, but it's just a matter of whether he'll be able to go in tackles or not. Australian soccer is very physical," said Matic.

Juniper also suffered another casualty from the JUST match. Adrian Santrac damaged knee ligaments. Surgery won't be needed and midfielder Santrac is confident of being back in action in a fortnight. Matic isn't as optimistic.

"Santrac looks like being out for closer to five weeks," said the Juventus coach.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Finney for Qantas World Cup?

The 1986 Qantas World Cup tournament to be held at Green Gully Reserve in Melbourne from November 7 to December 8 promises to be the best competition of its kind in Australia.

The winning team will get 16 return air tickets to Hong Kong and tournament organiser Tony Kennedy will fly there this August to arrange games for the winning team, which will go to Hong Kong in January 1987.

Kennedy also flies to Brit-

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Manis Lamond and Mr X to power Croatia

Brothers College in Cairns (Farina in the A team, Lamond in the B team) before becoming team mates at Canberra. "I've tried to model myself on Frank's style," says Lamond.

Although he was voted best player in the National Youth League in 1984 and is now with Australia's most highly supported soccer club, Lamond's style in his play, and is eager to correct them. That's where Croatia's brilliant coach, Vedran Rozic, comes in.

It looks like a two-horse race between Croatia and Olympic for the Northern Division championship.

Lamond throws in Marconi, APIA and Sydney Hakoah as well. "And maybe Inter Monaro too, if they get their injured players back," he says.

They started the year in tremendous form.

Going by price alone, Lamond is a better player than Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Robbie Wheaten, Robbie Slater, Ossie Latif, Alex Buxdale, Steve Tasiros, Claude Lucci and all the other players who have transferred so far this year.

But his \$32,000 fee took into account more than just his playing ability.

Camberra Olympian signed him on a soccer scholarship, bringing him down from Cairns in 1983. The club paid for his board and his schooling at Copeland College in Canberra. When he decided to move to Sydney, Camberra justifiably wanted to recoup its outlay — and that's where Lamond comes in.

His career has run parallel with that of Frank Arrok, the Sydney Hakoah and Socceroo forward. Both come from Papua-New Guinea and both played for St Augustine's Marist.

But he'll have to switch Arrok on again if he hopes to achieve his ultimate ambition of playing for Australia. At the moment, he's eligible to play for Papua-New Guinea, but he's been granted permanent residency in Australia; he wants to become an Australian citizen, and he doubts that Croatia would take kindly to losing him during the Olympic qualifying series. He was play to be part of New Guinea's

He went to Port Moresby, his home city, on Camberra's end-of-season trip late last year. Camberra drew 2-2 with the Papua-New Guinea national team and beat the Port Moresby side 4-1. "Soccer is an amateur sport there, and a lot more international games are needed to lift the standard of the national side," Lamond says. "But I believe the game's got a future there. They play a Brazilian style of soccer — skillful and casual — but without much muscle."

Lamond, 173cm and 65kg, was born in Port Moresby on September 14, 1966, making him 19. His dad, Robert, is the spare parts manager of an agricultural machinery company. Robert and Lorraine Lamond have three other children, all younger than Manis — Beverley and two brothers, Robert and Francis.

Manis started playing soccer at under eight level while going to Murray Barracks Primary School in Port Moresby. Always a centre-forward, his goalscoring was "fairly average".

At the age of 11 and 12 he was part of a combined primary school sports team that won Cairns and just after that second visit, his dad sent him to Brisbane to attend Pine Rivers High School and stay with his aunt, Eunice Griffin. When she



Manis Lamond accepts his trophy as the 1984 National Youth League Player of the Year. In the background are the two men he'll have to impress if his dream of becoming a Socceroo is to come true — Frank Arrok (left) and Eddie Thomson.

moved to Cairns, so did Manis and so his next school was St Augustine's, where he was a live-in boarder. Did he get homesick? "Never. We were all good mates. It was great."

He was at the school for three years, and Farina was in the next grade up. Farina went on to play for Mareeba United and then the Australian Institute of Sport before joining Camberra Olympians and finally Camberra.

Lamond's progress was linked to his performances for Queensland in the under 14, 15 and particularly under 16 national championships. It was in the under 16 titles that Stuart Devlin, Camberra's youth coach, spotted Lamond. Later, the then Camberra president, Charlie Perkins in Cairns on a business trip, visited Lamond and offered him a soccer scholarship.

In 1983, his first season in Camberra, he scored 13 goals and was runner-up to Newcastle's Tony Caban among National Youth League scorers. Caban is now with St George.

In 1984, he scored 20 goals — one less than the league and Cup total of top scorer Warren Spink, then of the AIS — and was named best player in the competition.

His first senior game was against Melita Eagles in 1984 — the match in which Peter Burke broke a leg. His

next call-up was against Sydney Hakoah, as replacement for Farina who was out injured, but it wasn't until 1985 that he established himself as a regular senior player, under coach Roy Thomson who had replaced Doug Collins. Jason Dunn and Peter Mazis are the only other members of Lamond's youth team to have been promoted to the seniors so far.

"I think I had a good year in 1985, scoring 5 goals, mainly from the flanks," Lamond says. "The pace of the game was a bit hard to get used to, the ball was harder to you a lot harder, there was more aggression and a lot more fouls."

"It was only in the penalty area that I could use my skill, because they don't want to foul you there."

Talking about tough opposition, we ask him to name the most trouble some defenders he's come up against. He chooses Tony Henderson of Marconi and Steve O'Connor of Hakoah.

Lamond is happy in Sydney. He has a grandmother, uncles and aunts living nearby, and he's revelling in Croatia's comprehensive training schedule — two mornings a week, and three evenings.

Rozic, Ozdak, Jurin, Marinkovic and others are fellow pros. Mr X will join them soon, and the Croatian Sports Centre may just prove to be too small to hold all the fans who will flock to see some of the finest football talent in the land.

Less TV talk and more action

Recently in these pages a colleague drew attention to the grotesque style and un-soccerish nomenclature of an American TV commentator.

What he may not realise is that, if not all, commentators have manners and habits which can be amusing or infuriating, depending on the state of your nerves.

In Britain, Brian Moore (Big

Match) is generally regarded as the epitome of the urban, civilised presentation style; his friendly, warm, pleasant voice and twinkling eyes always give me the impression that Moore is kind to stray cats, orphans, widows and is probably a retired chief boy scout, too.

But I do wish, at times, that his gushing would be less mechanical.

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an easy shot into the goal from a few metres — "he was denied by the brilliant goalkeeper," Smith. "Indeed? No, he simply found it easier to hit the goalie than slip the ball into the 7.20m wide goal — where is the denial in that?"

A favorite of English commentators is the totally inane and meaningless phrase used early in the games when a defender backpasses a ball to his goalie. "Smith had a first touch of the ball," they say, as if it was some religious ceremony.

I hate to say this but our own commentators have very dutifully adopted most clichés: we are full of "denied" chance and "first" touch.

No matter how amazingly boring a game may be, no English TV commentator would ever slam the game. "It's been rather disappoint-



Andrew Dettre

the trainer's assistance. Jones played 75 games as a striker, 48 as a mid-fielder and 49 as a defender, having come on as a sub on 7 occasions and being replaced in 18 games. During his Australian career he has scored 26 goals, hit the woodwork 32 times and put his hands on his hips 745 times, before half-time. But he's all right now and he is trotting back on the field where his contribution so far has been, in 23 touches of the ball, nine good passes, three tackles and four exclamations . . .

Another equally nice and likeable colleague also thinks that we would feel deprived and disadvantaged if we didn't hear his voice non-stop.

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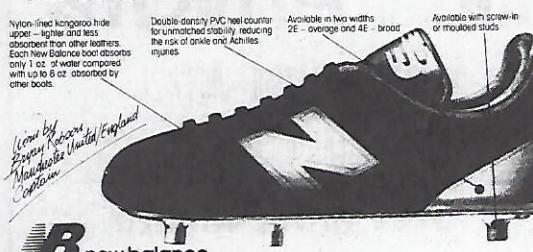
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Sydney Olympic is believed to have applied to Kogarah Council for use of the famous ground.

Kogarah Oval's spectator facilities are superior to Pratten Park's, including a grandstand capable of seating 2,500.

Olympic to Kogarah?



WOLONGONG 3 (Batten 6th, 52nd & 57th) CAN-TER-MARRICKVILLE 2 (Batten 14th) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd 2400.

WOLLONGONG: Young 7 — Green 7, Vlantov 7, Chiby 7, Molando 7 — Cokely 7, Murray 8 — Gerald 7, Kotamani 6 (Arcos 63rd), Batten 9, Stefanovski 6, Tchernik 7, half time. Coach: John Fleischman.

CARLTON 7, Batten 7 — Karasopros 6, Hanicos 7, Sivios 7, Hantzis 7, Kirwan 8 (Jebreal 71st), Anagnostopoulos 7, Borges 8 — Philippou 6, Petras 6, Thamnidis 7. Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

Best six for Ametco Player of the Year award: 6. Batten (W), 5. Murray (W), 4. Cokely (W), 3. Borges (C), 2. Kirwan (C), 1. Hanicos (C).

MARCONI 3 (Gray 50th, Gunning 53rd, Lowe 79th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2038.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 8, Wheatley 8, Sterrey 7, Rizzotto 7, Masson 7, Gray 7, Treddennick 7, Driend 6 (Gull 6), 46th (Anderson 79th) — Lowe 7, Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheinfus.

BLACKTOWN: Curtis 6 — Willis 6 (sent off 70th), Ainsworth 6, Northam 5 (Sharp 80th), Denyer 6 (McLeod 54th) — Byrne 5, Bradley 7, Knight 6, Brennan 5, Carroll 5, Sandy 5. Coach: Cassey de Bruijn.

Best six for Ametco Player of the Year award: 6. Rizzotto (MO), 5. Wheatley (M), 4. Carter (M), 3. Bradley (B), 2. Tredinnick (M), 1. Lowe (M).

APIA 1 (Stewart 11th) NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 1 (Jones 30th) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1929.

APIA: Pezzano 7 — Bozanic 6, Sterry 6, Bertogna 6, Brown 7 — Steve 6, Bundalo 7, Hrvatski 6 — Colagun 7, Mihaljevic 7. Coach: Roy Thompson.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gull 7 — Milosevic 6, Banovic 6, Maier 6, Garland 4 (Senkalski 45th 6) — Noumou 5, Crabtree 6, Haynes 5 (Owens 70th), Cavanagh 6 — Ingham 6, Jones 6. Coach: Peter Irving.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Butler (P), 5. Stewart (P), 4. Brown (A), 3. Colagun (A), 2. Gosling (N), 1. Senkalski (N).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Gibson 25th) IN-TERR-MONARO 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,200.

CANBERRA: Franken 8 — Sivios 8, Kuselj 8, Kuselj 7, Bryant 7 (Marina 81st) — Dunn 7, Semmar 7, Palacios 6 (P, Mazis 35th 7) — Junia 6, Phillips 6, Gibson 8. Coach: Roy Thompson.

MONARO: Hoszowski 7 — Williams 6, Addario 57th, Budzak 8, Deacon 8, Dunn 8, Wilcox 7, Carboni 7 (Carlo Amato 67th), Ambrosino 8 (B. Wotherspoon 7, Win 7, Walsh 6). Coach: Frank Macarone.

Best six for Ametco award: 6. Franken 5, Budzak (M), 4. Ambrosino (M), 3. Gibson (C), 2. Dunn (C), 1. Mazis (C).

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS 0 SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 at Olympic Park No.2. Crowd about 3000.

YOUTH: Banovic 7 — Lewis 7, Brown 7, Yzendoorn 7.

NSL DETAILS

6. Campbell 6 — Durakovic 7, Wade 7, Dowie 8, Cullen 6 — Patterson 7, Zinni 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 7, Taylor 7 — Bain 6, Faulkner 7, MacLaren 8, Lennon 6 (Markovski 75th) — Gilder 6, Mitten 6 (Campbell 86th). Coach: John Gardner.

Best six for Ametco Player of the Year award: 6. Dowie (U), 5. Campbell 4, Mangan (GC), 3. James (GC), 2. Wade (U), 1. Richardson (GC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Belic 55th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Schinler Reserve. Attendance: 1000.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic 8 — Petrovski 7, Yukvevic 5, Karic 8, R. Barjaktarovic 6 — Tapal 5, Bozinojki 9, Belic 8 — Stosic 6, Lazopoulos 5 (Lujic 54th), Latif 6. Coach: Drago Sekularac.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Belic 55th — Russell 8, Bain 9, Xanthopoulos 5 (Mihaljevic 45th), Postecoglou 8 — Davidson 5, Tasiros 5 (Nicolaidis 69th), Miranda 5, Halford 6 — Brown 5, Egan 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Ametco Travel player of the year award: 6. Bozinojki (FJ), 5. Blair (SMH), 4. Belic (PJ), 2. Postecoglou (P), 1. Belic (P).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Todoric 15th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3270.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKeon 7, Hunter 7, Heged 6 (Papic 64th), Semmar 6 — Semlak 6, Angeles 6, Vukic 6 — Todoric 6 (Deligiamis 57th), Luchesse 6, Tsalikis 6. Coach: Brian Garven.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Gotic 7 — Deankovic (inj Taliac 17th), McIntosh 8, Botic 8, Hanrahan 8 — Bliski 8, Campbell 8, Botic 8, Maricic 7, Ward 7 (Lubic 81st), Todoric 7, Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. McIntosh (MC), 5. Hanan (MC), 4. Semlak (HJ), 3. Campbell (MC), 2. Curcio (MC), 1. Botic (MC).

BRISBANE HELLAS 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Villani penalty 71st, Mullen 90th) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 1000. (estimate).

LIONS: Evans 6 — Hunter 7, Jackson 8, Vasquez 7, Niven 6 — Mulvey 6 (Bell 54th), R. Stewart 7, Ogden 7 — Anderson 8, Stewart 8, McGregor 6. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNamee 8 — Higgins 7, Niyokosha 7, Flounders 8, Tobin 6 — Vidmar 7, Metta 8, Villani 7, Mullen 7 — Maxwell 7 (Loungh 67th), Constantino 6. Coach: Zoran Matic.

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100th goal for Gary Cole



• Makedonia's Gary Cole (right) sends the ball whistling past Adelaide Hellas full back Alan Scott for Cole's 100th NSL goal. At centre is Ron Campbell. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

Allan Crisp



Adel. Hellas 0 Makedonia 1

Scorer: Cole 44th
Venue: Hindmarsh
Stadium
Crowd: 3213.

Referee: M. Loupis 6.
Gary Cole of Makedonia scored his 100th NSL goal to continue making life unbearable at home for Adelaide Hellas.

Cole long has been the all-time top scorer in NSL, National Cup and top-four series goals, but it was not until last Sunday that he brought up the "top" in league goals.

He now has scored 100 in the league, 13 in the Cup and nine in the old top four series, before the introduction of the NSL finals system.

Next, in order, are 114. Kosmina (Syd Habs); 108, Jankovic (Macc); 95, O'Connor (Access); 76, Boden (ex-News); 74, Syd Habs (Croatia); 73, Brown (SM-Hells); 68, Soper (Syd Olymp).

Cole's great 44th minute goal on Sunday broke a 224 minute goal-drought for Makedonia, but their real heroes were defender Ian Dobson and the hard-running Ron Campbell.

Campbell worried the Hellas defence with his penetrative right wing sorties and his accurate crosses, one of which set up the all important goal.

It was a far cry from the last time Campbell visited Adelaide from Perth several years ago to trial with Adelaide City Juventus. On that occasion the then City coach Bobby Ferguson rejected Campbell, who this year joined Makedonia.

While Makedonia wallowed in glory, Hellas had its unhappy day darkened further four minutes from the final whistle when Nick Mousoulis was sent off by Sydney referee Manos Loupis for allegedly spitting at Campbell.

The critical Hellas supporters booted the replacement of

Man of the match:
IAN DOBSON
(Makedonia)

former Glasgow Celtic midfielder Brian McLaughlin with John Panagis after 76 minutes. But Hellas coach Neil McGahey explained that the change was made, not because of any dissatisfaction with McLaughlin's play, but because the midfielder was tiring. "I can't wait for the winter to come, because Brian really has not yet adjusted to this hot weather," McGahey said.

"But I was very pleased with the way Brian played today."

Makedonia boss Murray was overjoyed by his success. "I'm proud of my team. I thought they did a great job, although we did not have as much of the game as they did. We played well as a team, not that they were bad. I'm sure Hellas will be a tough team to beat in a few weeks time," Murray said.

A day to remember for birthday boy Rizzotto



Alex Vesic

showed very little else, with the exception of the skilful John Bradley.

He played the ball, not the man, something that can't be said for a number of the players on the park. This season, like no other, has shown just what some teams are prepared to do to get results and referees will have to clamp down quickly.

Willis was unfortunate to be sent off. His elbow was raised high but there was no damage done. Some of the tackles from behind, trips and nasty use of the arms went unpunished.

Tempers died down during the latter part of the second half, with Marconi well in control and Blacktown sadly exposed at the back, but Marconi, after jumping to a 2-0 lead early in the second half, failed to capitalise on its many chances.

After an even first half, Marconi was on the way after Geoff Gunning replaced Martin Driene in the 46th.

When Geoff Gunning took possession of the ball in the 55th minute, it was his first touch. He raced down the left flank then sent in a sharp cross which superbly was headed home by Ian Gray.

A few minutes later, Gunning exchanged passes with Rod Brown to face David Curtis before slitting it wide of the keeper. Curtis looked very slow in coming off his line to block the shot.

Blacktown had its opportunity.

Man of the match:
JOE RIZZOTTO
(Marconi)

nites soon after but Bruce James managed to pull off a fine save from Don McLeod then Joe Carroll slammed his volley over the bar from only 12 metres.

Then came the dismissal of Willis and, as far as Blacktown was concerned, the end of the match. McLeod managed to hit the post after a mistake by James close to the end, but apart from that it was all Marconi in the closing stages.

Rizzotto's fine pass found Lowe close to the line in the

70th. A flick by Lowe missed. Gray lunged at the ball and it bounced back to Lowe who hammered it into the roof of the net.

Then came a series of chances wasted by Marconi.

Two Argentinian First Division players will join Marconi within three weeks.

They are: Osvaldo Ruben El Ali, 24, a winger who played for Argentinos Juniors and Huracan; and Eduardo Janin, 22, a Huracan midfielder.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflied drew up a short list of players he watched on a scouting trip to Uruguay and Argentina. The Marconi committee, on Scheinflied's recommendation, accepted El Ali and Janin at a meeting on Sunday.

Scheinflied decided last October that he wanted at least two South American players capable of changing the pace of a game.

"Our other players are basically young, and our midfielders, although all hard workers, are not really play-makers. We tend to play at 100 miles per hour all the time, but our Argentinians should be able to change that," Scheinflied said.

Janin has signed until December. If Marconi wants to keep him, it will have to play Huracan a \$50,000 transfer fee but according to Janin's father,

El Ali, Janin for Marconi

who coached Huracan two years ago, that price is bound to come down.

"Janin is the Vieri type of midfielder," Scheinflied said. "He has very tight ball control, and he opens up play very well. He knows how to defend himself, he's an arrogant mover and it's very hard to get the ball off him. He stands out on the field because of his red hair, like Rod Brown does."

El Ali is a good dribbler, good in tight situations. He crosses the ball well, and he's very mobile, moving from right to left.

El Ali and Janin are part of the "Latinisation" of NSL soccer in NSW. Other South Americans signed recently are: Saul Rivero, Leonel Arcosa (Wollongong), Vincente Estavillo (Sydney Olympic) and Augusto Palacios (Canberra Olympians).

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Palacios carried off!



Peter Windsor

Canberra 1 Inter-Monaro 0

Scorer: Gibson 25th.
Cautions: Gary Power 7.
Venue: Bruce Stadium.

Canberra topped Monaro by a goal for the second time in 72 hours when it capped its Nanda Cup victory with this league triumph.

Six teenagers starred in this one, four for Canberra and two for Monaro.

One of them 17-year-old Canberra full-back John Nelson was making his debut and other teenaged compatriots were stopper Jason Dunn, Peter Mazis and George Kulscar.

Monaro's teenagers are big strong defender Phil Dachs and front-runner Frank D'Addario.

The match-winning goal resulted from a classic three-point movement.

First Sermanni found Phillips who, seeing his opportunity blocked, neatly pulled the ball back to veteran front-runner Ian Gibson who was positioned just inside the box.

Gibson neatly threaded his shot through the packed goalmouth and it found the net despite a valiant effort by Monaro full back Mike Tulwala to stop it.

Canberra then had costly Peruvian international import Augusto Palacios carried off on a stretcher with a suspected dislocated elbow.

Canberra's best effort of the latter part of the first half was a superbly struck ground shot by Billy Wilcox in the 39th minute.

It whistled towards the corner but, with his cat-like reflexes, down went Canberra's brilliant young goalkeeper

Tony Franken to save — and even make it look easy.

In a goalmouth scramble the ball was pulled back to Monaro's hard-working midfielder Angelo Ambrosino in the 72nd minute.

Ambrosino let fly and his shot took a deflection and beat Franken.

Sydney referee Gary Power had whistled and pointed to the spot — and Monaro players were hugging Ambrosino in glee.

One second happiness — the next despair.

Everyone had overlooked the linesman. He had his flag in the air and after hurried consultation, Power disallowed the goal.

And if this was not bad enough, just 60 seconds later, big striker Steve Winn's shot was hard enough to trickle under Franken's body and was heading over the line.

But veteran full back Steve Bryant was on hand to clear despite attention from Wotherspoon.

Both sides made changes and Canberra's replacement Peter Mazis had a great chance to put Canberra further ahead in a one-to-one with goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski.

He delayed just a fraction too long and Hoszowski deflected the shot. Mazis, however, kept on with the action and when he regathered and found Phillips it was again Hoszowski who was called upon to make a neat diving save near the post.



Cant for Canberra

• Sydney Hakoah utility player Jimmy Cant should return to the club which he began his NSL career, Canberra Olympians, today (Wednesday).

Cant, 31, who has trained with Canberra for years while playing in Sydney, was transfer-listed at the end of last season.

And he should have played for Canberra last weekend.

Canberra had Cant's signature on the dotted line, wanted to lodge the \$5000 transfer fee with the ACT Soccer Federation — but couldn't get anyone at Hakoah despite numerous requests with the authority to authorise the transfer arrangements.

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Batten gets three in first full game

Wollongong 3 Canterbury 1

Scorers: 1-0 Batten 6th, 1-
Borges 14th, 2-1 Batten
52nd, 3-1 Batten 57th.
Venue: Wollongong

Shoutouts: Ken Small 8.
Cautions: Haniotis (C),
Thamnidas (C), Morland (W).

Dave Batten notched a hat-trick in his first full game for Wollongong, having played previously only as a substitute.

He is a former St George player, who played amateur soccer last season.

Batten swung the match Wol-

longong's way after a goal by Nello Borges had left the half-time score at 1-1.

Wollongong started without its Uruguayan stars Saul Rivero and Leonel Arcosa, whose car broke down on their way from Sydney, where they live!

Wollongong is wasting no time in trying to find them lodgings in Wollongong itself.

He is a former St George player, who played amateur soccer last season.

Batten swung the match Wol-



Green Gully in trouble



Ken Kontra

Green Gully 0
Brisb City 1

Scorer: Cooper 2nd.
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.
Crowd: 348.
Ref Card: Drakeford (GG)

61st Yellow Cards: Wishart 7th, Bromfield 85th (BC).
Referee: Bernie Upjohn.

Kieran Cooper, scorer of the only goal, had at least another four easy scoring chances, but failed.

Twice he managed to get his shot in, but was unable to beat Louis Wishart, and twice he hesitated in a one-on-one situation with the Gully Custodian, allowing the defence to recover and rob him of the ball. These misses could have been costly, but as it turned out, the one opportunity he capitalised on was sufficient to sink an ordinary home team.

With injuries to several key players coach George Murray was forced to include new acquisition Peter Reynolds in the starting line-up. The former Leicester City and Motherwell striker arrived on Thursday morning from Scotland, trained the same evening and due to the hard ground, finished up with blisters on his feet. Despite this handicap, Reynolds managed a couple of penetrating runs on the right, and looked quite promising.

Unfortunately for the Gully Ken Drakeford was sent off after a disagreement over a free kick with referee Bernie Upjohn. Gully's chances of pulling the game out of the fire diminished even further.

Mind you, even before Drakeford had received his marching orders, Gully had only Stuart Cannell, Lou Dennis, Tommy Cumming, and on

Man of the match:
GEN ARCHER
(Brisb City)

occasions Joe Vizzini, playing at an acceptable standard. The rest were, by and large, just making up numbers. With four players, it is difficult to beat even moderate opposition such as Brisbane City!

Here are some of the highlights:

• Steve Douglas gives the ball away, Alan Reid's low cross is struck home by Kieran Cooper in the second minute.

• In the seventh minute Danny Ward finds Paul Lewis, but Lewis is off balance and shoots out from 10 metres.

• In the 28th minute, Cooper crosses and Phil White heads straight at Lou Dennis.

• A minute later Peter Reynolds caps off a good run by pulling the ball back from the goal line, and a lunge by Frank Mengotti prevents it from reaching Paul Lewis lurking inside the goal area.

• In the 30th minute Scott Fraser's misdirected header finds Cooper with only Dennis to beat, but the striker delays and Cannell takes the ball from him.

• In the 54th minute Ward sends Cumming's cross well over the bar.

• 61st minute, Drakeford receives his marching orders.

• A hard shot by Fraser from 30 metres is tipped over by Kim Wishart in the 73rd minute.

The most disappointing aspect of this match was the dismal attendance figure. There must be something terribly wrong, when only 348 fans turn up for a National League match on a perfect day!



• George Cross striker Noel Mitten shields the ball from John Yzendoorn of Juventus. Picture: LES SHORROCK

Tyrone James: 'We'll stay among leaders'



Laurie Schwab

BU Juventus 0
George Cross 0

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2
Crowd: about 3000.
Referee: Jim Folklano 6

Caution: Durakovic (JU), Folklano (TC), Tardelli (GC), Lewis (JU), Faulkner (GC).

Scorer: Garland, Jones (NU), Stewart (A).

Referee: Terry Seacy 7.

APIA outplayed Newcastle in every department yet failed to win.

Speedy ex-Newcastle

Foots JUST 1
SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: Bozic 5th.
Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Referee: Don Campbell (SA) 8.

Cautions: R. Bojarkarevic, Brown.

Peter Desira

Man of the match:
Vlado Bozinovski
(JUST)

ing midfielder on the right. Stosic had a disappointing match by the standard he set in his opening two games and even Sekularac admitted that Stosic gave only 50 percent of what he is capable of.

By contrast with JUST's celebrated Hellas players and supporters made an early exit after what can only be described as a below par performance.

Coach John Margaritis was forced to plunge new signing Steve Tasiros straight into the action after Ken Murphy did not recover from his injury.

Tasiros played a central role alongside Richard Miranda but found the going tough and was replaced by Soc Nicolaidis 21 minutes from the end. Hellas opened brightly and Bobby Russell headed over from a Doug Brown cross in the first minute.

At the 18th minute, Miranda pushed a through ball for Charlene Egan and the striker broke clear with Vojislav Vukcevic appearing in vain for offside. But keeper Zoran Nikitovic came to the rescue, making a good save.

Midway through the second half, Egan again broke clear on a through ball but Nikitovic punched away. Brown headed the six yard box to score the winner.

Fittingly, Bozinovski also played a hand in the winning goal.

The midfielder pushed the through ball for Zdravko Ljubic to run onto. Ljubic cut inside to fire a shot which Peter Laumets did well to block. Ljubic was onto the rebound to send the ball goalward a second time only to find Blair well positioned and leaving Belic to do the finishing.

Ljubic had been on the Park only one minute before the goal.

The veteran winger, a fixture in the side throughout the nine years he has been with JUST, was dropped to the substitutes by Sekularac after missing training on Saturday morning.

"As captain of the side, Ljubic should be lead by example and I had to discipline him for missing training. I gambled in a way but the risk paid off because he was keen and sharp when he came on. Maybe he wouldn't have been so effective if he had been on from the start," Sekularac said.

The coach had a quip at him saying that if JUST had lost, he's probably be under pressure from the supporters for not using Ljubic from the start.

With Ljubic out, Sekularac started with Ossie Latif and Bill Lazopoulos up front and Vlado Stosic as the wide attack-

er.

"That's a very hard question. I can only guarantee we will be a much better team but we have to aim for consistency.

Players generally tend to lift their performances against the better sides. They thrive on the atmosphere of big games. And that's only natural because even as a coach I don't like being involved in games at grounds empty of spectators.

Finally a word of thanks to Cedo Cirkovic who acted as my interpreter for the after-match interview with Sekularac.

Senkalski leads revival



Mike Mikolajczyk

APIA 1
Newcastle 1

At Lambert Park.
Scorer: Stewart 11th (A)
Jones 90th (N)
Crowd: 1929.

Caution: Garland, Jones (NU), Stewart (A).
Referee: Terry Seacy 7.

APIA outplayed Newcastle in every department yet failed to win.

Speedy ex-Newcastle

Man of the match:
TERRY BUTLER
(APIA)

Darren Stewart set up Alex Bundalo as early as the 4th minute but Bundalo's first-time shot grazed the crossbar.

In the 11th minute elusive winger Vince Colaguri skinned the fullback Matt Garland and crossed the ball for eager Stewart to drive in the first goal.

A few minutes later Colaguri broke clear but the wing made a lame attempt to go around Newcastle's goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

In the 28th minute APIA's most consistent player, Terry Butler, scored but was ruled a fraction offside.

Newcastle's coach Peter Irving made one important change at half-time. Fullback Garland, who had been given a start, did not return to the field. John Cavanagh dropped back into defence and favorite son Joe Senkalski slotted into midfield.

Senkalski inspired revival midway through the second half cast an uneasy feeling on the APIA fans.

In injury time, Mark Jones caught the APIA defence napping. He beat two hesitant defenders on the edge of the penalty area and curled the ball to the far post where it sweetly snuck in!

Jones left back Eddie Campbell missed the ball in the 38th minute, enabling Mac-

lan to race away. He cut it back to Mitten who tried to lob Bonavici at an angle, but Bonavici saved.

A minute later, Peter Lewis drove the ball hard from 25 metres. Andrew Zinni stuck his foot at the ball, hoping to divert it into goal, but it went over the bar.

George Cross believed it should have been awarded a penalty just after half time. Gilder headed the ball out to Mitten who ran past Yzendoorn and was offside. Yzendoorn tackled him by Yzendoorn's tackle.

Gilder immediately claimed a penalty, but referee Jim Folklano ruled the offence had taken place just outside the box. Jeff Faulkner played the free kick square for MacLaren whose promising drive was deflected narrowly over for a corner.

Then the match turned Juvento's way, due partly to John Dowie's emergence as the match-master, and the collapse of the George Cross midfield.

Robbie Cullen, clear inside the box, looked to score in the 11th minute, but Lou Kastner made the first of a series of excellent saves.

With Juventus swarming over George Cross, Zinni cut inside an opponent to make space for a shot, but was denied by Kastner.

Durakovic lobbed Kastner from an angle in the 63rd minute, but centre-back Steve Richardson flew into the teeth of goal and, while horizontally airborne, hooked the ball out with his head. It was spectacular stuff indeed.

Kastner repelled a header from Scott Patterson one-handed just before super-sub John Muzzolini replaced Lennan for the last 15 minutes. Muzzolini immediately won a corner and took it himself. Mitten connected but his header went over.

It was Faulkner's turn to head off the goal line when Durakovic threatened with a close-range header. Kastner blocked a follow-up shot by Dowie, and then James cleared an attempt by Wade off the goal line.

Bozinovski, Lujic, Belic sink Hellas



Peter Desira

Man of the match:
Vlado Bozinovski
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MONARO: Antonopoulos 7, Williams 7, Welsh 6, Budini 8, A. Ambrosino 7, Willis 2, C. Ambrosino 5, Ardiano 6 11, Carbone 6, Wotherspoon 7, Winn 7.

7, A. Giampaolo 5 (Dachs 82).
Referee: Bob Marshall 5. Crowd: 720.

In the third minute Canberra midfielder John Mihailidis was felled behind play and took no further part in the game.

Purvis star Augusto Palacios, whose winning goal was all class, was carrying his right arm in a way that suggested collar bone damage. He was hit in two separate incidents.

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Lambropoulos stars in St. George debut; Soper taken off

Syd. Olympic 2 St George 2

Score: Kalantzis 5 min, Ratskopoulos 54 min, Koczka 62 min. Venue: Pratten Park. Crowd: 6223. Referee: J. Reeves. Caution: Phillips (10), Potter, Moffit, Koczka (St.G.).

St. George president Alex Pongrass remarked after the match, with tongue in cheek: "This was a high-tech game which few ordinary mortals could understand. One positive result was that we managed to hypnotise Manfred Schaefer into replacing Soper."

Andrew Dettre



That undoubtedly was one of the several bewildering features of this low-key game. Another was that St. George had up with six fullbacks, both Skeen and Ratcliffe having been "promoted" to the midfield where their limited ball skills were painfully exposed.

Said Frank Arok later: "We had to neutralise their midfield and this is how we achieved it. We also had to mark Kalantzis and Soper out

of the game. And we got the point."

It's a pity that in the process the fans had to endure many boring periods when hardly anything happened apart from a series of sharp clashes.

Olympic began promisingly and Kalantzis shot them into the lead in the 5th minute with a fine header, after a good Soper-Ratskopoulos interplay and Gibson mistake.

In the 26th minute Ratskopoulos missed an open goal and barely a minute later Skeen's sudden snapshot flew against the post.

The St. George attack looked hopelessly abandoned, with very little support coming from their midfield, even so, scottish import Potter looked totally out of his depth.

The Saints, lucky to have kept the score to 0-1 by half-time, got the equaliser out of the blue. In the 54th minute Ratcliffe converted a penalty for handball, or rather the rebound, after a save.

The St George jubilation was still in progress when Olympic hit the front for the second time. In the 55th minute a measured Ratskopoulos cross from

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Heidelberg midfield murdered

Man of the match: DAVE MCINTOSH (M. Croatia)

Heidelberg 0 M. Croatia 1

Score: Todoric 15th.

Venue: Olympic Village.

Crowd: 3,270.

Caution: McIntosh (MC).

Referee: Richard Lorenz 9.

While Melbourne's Croatia got back on the right track, Heidelberg came down to earth with a thump and badly needs to strengthen its midfield and get someone to help Claude Luchesse up front.

Croatia won thanks to a brilliant goal from Davor Todoric but Heidelberg should have been right behind the eight ball at half time, staring a three or four goal deficit fully in the face.

Take The Selemidis out of the Heidelberg midfield and you've stifled its flair in one fell swoop. Mike Valentine still has a way to go to recuperate his consistency while Joe Angelo is a defender and probably is best suited to man marking roles.

Croatia should have hit the far post from the near post, the 8th minute. Todoric, on a diagonal run, flicked the ball cheekily with his heel, sending it just inside the near post for a truly magical goal.

Biskic got free on the right of the Heidelberg area in the 16th minute but although he struck the ball well he sent it straight into Oliver's arms.

Deankovic, who had been plagued by a calf muscle injury all week, limped off a minute later. Marko Talajic came on and went to left back with George Hannah crossing over and filling Deankovic's spot. That turned out to be a bad move for Tolskakis for he never once got past Hannah.

Croatia was killing Heidelberg now.

In the 14th minute, Todoric sent over a far post cross from the left. Markovac didn't quite time his volley and Oliver saved comfortably.

A minute later Drago Deankovic, Josip Biskic and Markovac played a series of one-tap passes on the right.



• Clash of the giant centre backs at the Olympic Village — Dave McIntosh (left) of Croatia and Alan Hunter of Heidelberg. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO



Craig MacKenzie

Selemidis headed wide at the far post from an Angele cross that Angele almost levelled in the 33rd minute with a cracking long range drive which sent the ball cannoning off the post.

But Croatia still was playing the better football. It should have gone further ahead in the 55th minute when Talajic crossed from the left, Markovac headed down and Biskic let fly with a blistering 20 metre drive that Oliver parried wide of the far stretch.

Heidelberg came closest in the 73rd minute when a long throw-in was headed on at the near post and Luchesse tried to flick the ball first time over Govic, but it lobbed just wide of the far post.

But Croatia still was

Theodosopoulos

• Costa Theodosopoulos plans to get written permission from Melbourne Hungaria this week in order to start training with Heidelberg Alexander.

The 22-year-old was given the all-clear by specialists two weeks ago to resume running after recovering from knee ligament problems. He has been sticking rigidly to the training program prepared for him by former SM-Hellas and Heidelberg coach Manny Pouliopoulos.

"It's a big challenge but Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey seems to be one of the few people around who is prepared to give unknowns a go. He's interested in having a closer look at me and I'll be giving it all I've got," said Theodosopoulos.

McPherson to get the boot!



Peter Scott

SC-Hakoah 4
Svd. Croatia 2

Score: 1-0 Gomez 15th, 2-0 Watson 22nd, 2-1 Lamond 57th, 2-2 Rumora 59th, 3-2 Do Marigny 62nd, 4-2 Kosmina 90th.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Referee: Chris Bambridge

7.

Caution: DeMarigny, Farina, Gomeski, Rumora, Rumora, Kosmina, Cio.

It is unusual to hear a coach talking about beefing up his squad after a win against important rivals, but that is what was on Hakoah chief Eddie Thomson's mind following his team's first win of the NSL season.

Even though the scoreline showed 4-2 in favor of the Blue over big-spending Croatia, the genial Scotsman was still having palpitation about the feeble performance of Alex McPherson between the sticks.

"I will be looking for a stand-

in this week. We desperately need one until McPherson gains more confidence," Thomson said.

But nothing could have

pleased Thomson more than the first-class job done by young Ean Rodrigues on Croatia's \$32,000 signing Manis Lamond. As long as he stayed on the left wing, the former PNG wizard was blotted out of the match. Soccer being the strange game it is, Lamond still managed to get on the scorers' list, together with Croatia's other recent signing, Ante Rumora.

They both found the back of the Hakoah net within the short space of two minutes after the break.

Lamond moved into the mix to pick up a loose ball after determined leadup work by Odzak and, after briefly rounded McPherson and scored. Soon after, McPherson managed only to feebly fist away a high ball, allowing Rumora to pick his spot and score from fairly long range.

On the quarter hour, the visitors cracked when a De Marigny ball found Gomez near the penalty spot. He immediately pivoted and slammed the ball into the corner of the net.

Hakoah's lead was widened in a style which may well wrap up the goal of the year award even at this early stage.

Joe Watson, over 30 metres out, noticed that his namesake in the Croatia goal, Steve

Watson, was a bit off his line and immediately sent in a curling, swerving, magnificently shot which dipped into the top corner.

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EAN RODRIGUES
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Lee crossed from the right wing and De Marigny hung full-length to head in Hakoah's third goal.

Croatia, to its credit, was still trying to salvage at least one point, exerting constant pressure in the final 10 minutes. But it all came to naught when right on the whistle a Watson corner kick was nodded on by Gomez to Kosmina who headed in from close range.

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Hellas first task for Col Bennett

Ricky Rosso



NEVILLE FLOUNDERS (AC-Juventus)



**Man of the match:
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(AC-Juventus)**

to maintain control, drifted out of the game. His lack of fitness was due to being out injured for a fortnight.

And it was probably frustration in the 71st minute which saw him foul Sergio Melta and concede a penalty.

The offence looked very much outside the box, and Melta when he stood off, was two metres from the line, but the decision stood.

Charlie Villani made no mistake from the spot to give his side a somewhat undeserved lead.

Three minutes later a furor broke out when David Hunter lunged forward on a bobbling ball and caught Bugsy Nyskohus on the shin. Monteverde ruled it had been an over-the-ball attempt and Hunter was sent off.

After a scuffle had broken out among a number of players and words were exchanged between players and referee Monteverde, Villani and was given his marching orders.

With none staring another defeat in the face, and their 1987 NSL hopes looking dim, they pushed forward for an equaliser. It was only going to be a matter of time before the fast Juventus forwards caught them out and a beautiful Melta ball set up Vlindar on the break.

Lions keeper Evans raced out of his box and was forced to handball to stop Vlindar — an action which earned a booking.

Russell Stewart, whose running and tackling in midfield in the first half had enabled Lions

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Mexico—mighty under Milutinovic



With the World Cup finals in Mexico starting on May 31, European teams appear to have their best chance yet of winning the competition in the Americas.

In warm-up matches for Mexico, South America's traditional big powers, Brazil and Argentina, have shown they are far from fully prepared.

In recent warm-up matches against Brazil was beaten 3-0 by Hungary and 2-0 by West Germany. Joao Havelange, the Brazilian president of the world soccer body, FIFA, said: "The national team is destined to failure. The current heads of the Brazilian federation can't get along and the disorganisation is very great."

Argentina, the 1978 champion, lost 0-2 to a below-strength France, and made few friends with their over-physical style.

Mexico is out to make up for its poor showing the last time it hosted the tournament in 1970, when it was beaten 4-1 in the quarter-finals by Italy.

Mexico's record of 17 wins, nine draws and five defeats in the past year augurs well for the finals and is the result of a new fighting spirit that has been widely attributed to the

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team's Yugoslav coach, Bora Milutinovic.

Milutinovic has been working on physical conditioning and a strategy of "total movement" in contrast to the more static formations of previous years.

The change appears to have boosted confidence and much is expected of star striker Hugo Sanchez, who the Mexican fans are waiting eagerly to welcome home from Spain where he plays for Real Madrid.

Uruguay, the first World Cup winner, is tipped by many as a dark horse for the trophy after a relatively quiet build-up.

Goal-scoring ace Enzo Francescoli, a household name in Latin America where he is nicknamed "The Prince", said recently: "Many say it has been years since Uruguay has fielded a team with so much balance."

But Uruguay's group is packed with talented teams like West Germany, Denmark and Scotland, only two of which are certain to reach phase two.

Only twice since 1954 have the Germans failed to reach the semifinals.

Winners in 1974 and run-

ners-up to Italy last time out, the Germans are again expected to be formidable.

But Franz Beckenbauer, approaching his first World Cup finals as national team coach, has been unable to field a settled side because of persistent injuries to key players.

Italy, which failed to impress before the last finals but saved its best performances for the games that mattered most, could follow a similar pattern.

Until last month's 2-1 win over Austria, the Italians had suffered three straight defeats and are still struggling to find a reliable goalscorer to replace the out-of-form Paolo Rossi, their star performer in Spain.

Hungary's recent win over Brazil stunned world soccer and illustrated the depth of talent emerging from that country.

Hungary were one of Europe's most impressive sides in qualifying matches and will aim to win the cup for the third time.

France, the reigning European champion, has the most natural skill of any team from the continent and an instant match-winner in Michel Platini, arguably the world's greatest all-round player.

England's surprise 1-0 win in Tbilisi last month marked the first time the Soviet Union — another World Cup finalist — had lost at home in senior competition for seven years.

Spain, which is enjoying a fine build-up, can count on

more fan support in Mexico than any other European nation, and in warm-up games Spain has scored 10 goals without reply, including victories over three other strong World Cup teams, Poland, Belgium and the Soviet Union.



• THE USSR, from left, standing: Dasayev, Baltasha, Gavrilov, Livchenko, Protasov, Aleinikov. Front: Wischnievski, Demianenko, Kondratiev, Laronov, Gotsmanov.

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fades,

Protasov

on the

way up

From JOHN KAMPFNER

Coach Eduard Malofeyev would be reluctant to admit it, but the success or failure of the Soviet World Cup Campaign in Mexico is likely to rest on the shoulders of one man — Oleg Protasov.

The 22-year-old striker is the new sensation of Soviet soccer. He helped Spartak Moscow to third place in the 1985 Soviet League, and netted 38 of its 71 goals.

His tally beat the previous best of 34, set by Spartak Moscow's prolific striker Nikita Simonyan in 1950, and in a total of only 92 games to date, he has scored a remarkable 60 goals.

The Soviet team, which had beaten the Soviets to a series of home wins last year which swept them into the finals behind group six winners Denmark.

Protasov's cheeky winner against the Danes in Moscow last September set them on the road to the finals after a disastrous start to their qualifying campaign.

He scored in another impressive display in the 2-0 victory over Ireland a few weeks later, capping it with another superbly taken goal.

Protasov, who describes his goalscoring talent as "an intuition, a sixth sense", is keen to parade his individual talents in Mexico.

Andrey Malofeyev refuses to single out any member of his now settled 22-man squad for special praise.

"I'm against people talking all the time about stars," he said.

Malofeyev's words seem to hold little sway with Moscow's eccentric soccer crowds.

When the Soviet team is announced over the loudspeaker at the Lenin Stadium, some of the players are given tumultuous applause, while some are jeered.

One notorious star, Armandino midfielder Khoros Gomaisen, was given a standing ovation for gross discipline violations.

Gomaisen, capped 25 times by his country, was said to have driven around in a plush Mercedes car — an almost unheard-of luxury in the Soviet Union — with the number plate 08, the same as the shirt he wore.

Andrey Malofeyev's words are beaten to a pulp by the soccer establishment is veteran striker Oleg Blokhan.

The 32-year-old Dynamo Kiev striker, the country's most famous footballer since legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin, embarrassed authorities in 1982 with a request to play for a Western European side.

Before that, the tall player allowed to move to the West was Anatoly Zhinchenko, who transferred from Zenit Leningrad to Austria's Rapid Vienna in 1980.

However, last December Spartak Moscow international Yury Gavrilov was also granted permission to go to the Austrian side.

Blokhan, the most prolific goalscorer in Soviet history and European player of the year in 1975, outsmarted the world's best defender for a decade.

But in recent internationals he has clearly struggled to find his form.

With the likes of Protasov and Dynamo Minsk's Georg Kondratiev netting consistently and combining superbly with midfielders Fyodor Cherenkov, Blokhan may find his days numbered.

Blokhan's Dynamo team-mate Anatoly Demyanenko has no time for a wobbling come-back for the 1985 league champions, he has been a model of consistency both for club and country.

A man who seems deliberately to shun the limelight, Demyanenko devotes much of his free time to training — so much so that on one occasion a Soviet newspaper he had no time for such activities, as marriage.

Demyanenko, 26, has virtually sewn up the centre of the defence with Alexander Chivadze, nicknamed "The Professor", from Georgian club Dynamo Tbilisi.

Germany 1-0

World Cup finalist West Germany beat Switzerland 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly international in Basle last week. Scorer: Dieter Hoeneß (34th minute). Attendance: 25,000.

Kiev provides the backbone

By PAUL MOON

Many theories have been expounded on the USSR's inability to rise to the very top in world soccer, although it is immensely successful in all other sports it takes seriously.

These tend to be based on political or social assumptions and rarely stand up to close scrutiny.

Almost certainly, the Soviets will carry off the World Cup one day, but the current indications are that June 29,

1986, is unlikely to be that day.

Renat Dasayev, Aleksandr Chivadze, Fyodor Cherenkov, Sergei Aleinikov, Vladimir Besonen, Oleg Protasov and Oleg Blokhan are all capable of shining in the most illustrious company and providing some memorable moments.

Without actually carrying the Soviets through to an advanced stage of the tournament.

Coach Eduard Malofeyev's commitment to attacking football, plus the magnificent form of Dynamo Kiev — which will provide the side's backbone during its current European Cup winners' Cup run — augurs well for the Soviets, whose Group C games with France and Hungary

may well be the highlights of the Mundial's first stage.

Possible squad:

RENAT DASAYEV (Spartak Moscow). A tall, bald-headed player of exceptional ability, whose intelligence, strong tactical superb distribution, powerful shot, etc, would make him one of the stars of Mexico.

Mikhail Mikhailov (Dynamo Kiev). A player who has improved considerably in recent seasons, producing exceptional form during Kiev's recent league championship triumph and its European Cup winners' Cup run.

OLEG BLOKHAN (Zenit Leningrad). Superb throughout Zenit's Soviet league-winning campaign of 1984, when voted best goalscorer in the competition, the first time Dniprovsk had been knocked off his throne in many years.

GENUADJ MOROZOV (Spartak Moscow). Strong, reliable and determined, able to score goals regularly when moving upfield for set pieces. He also likes to support his attack down the flanks, always having the speed and stamina to recover quickly should the move break down.

ALEKSANDR CHIVADZE (Dynamo Tbilisi). The team's defensive linchpin, he starred in the Tbilisi side which won the European Cup winners' Cup of 1981, a year after being named USSR Footballer of the Year.

ANATOLIJ DEMYANENKO (Dynamo Kiev). Made his senior international debut in 1981 and appeared in all five of USSR's World Cup finals games the following year.

ALEKSANDR BUBNOV (Spartak Moscow). An efficient performer either as a sweeper or when given a man-to-man marking role.

NIKOLAJ LARONOV (Zenit Leningrad). 25-year-old dynamo who has been in the national team since 1983, immediately after the Zenit team he captained won the Soviet League title. Can also play as a midfield.

SERGEI TITASHA (Dynamo Kiev). An experienced player, whose versatility has enabled him to occupy all defensive outfield positions with success. Scheduled to win his 10th European Cup winners' Cup triumph in 1985, the year the title of European Footballer of the Year was bestowed on him.

EDUARD MALOFEYEV (Coach). A celebrated forward and midfielder with Spartak Moscow and national team.

Mikhail Wachuk (Zenit Leningrad). A tall, strong player as mid-fielder or defender, but even when employed in the latter role still moves upfield regularly. One of the stars of Tbilisi's 1981 European Cup winners' Cup triumph, his powerful shot has produced many goals.

BORIS POZDNYAKOV (Spartak Moscow). Midfielder was promoted to the national team from the Olympic selection in 1984, he appeared to be making admirable progress after overcoming the selfishness which marred his initial displays when dropped into the side following its 2-1 loss in Denmark last year.

ALEXANDER ZAVAROV (Dynamo Kiev). A utility forward until Kiev switched him to midfield last year.

SERGEI GOTSMANOV (Dynamo Minsk). A midfielder whom Malofeyev drafted from his successful Minsk team in 1983, he appeared in all the qualifying games.

FYODOR CHERENKOV (Spartak Moscow). The 1983 Soviet Footballer of the Year, yet only a year earlier he had been unable to command a place in the Spartak team — often through lack of fitness.

SERGEI ALEINIKOV (Dynamo Minsk). Midfielder and driving force behind Minsk's surprise Soviet League championship of 1982, when an aggressive, non-stop running and ball skills elev-



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Southern Division Youth Game:

Brighton vs Green Gully VTBA



TOMMY CUMMING



JOHN DOWIE

Brisbane City vs Brunswick Juventus

at Spencer Park 3pm **SUNDAY**

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Frankston Pines vs Juventus VTBA



JEFF FAULKNER

Sunshine George Cross vs Heidelberg Utd Alexander

at Chaplin Reserve 3pm **SUNDAY**

Youth Game: Sunshine G. Cross vs Heidelberg at 12.45pm



ROBERT MARKOVAC

Melbourne Croatia vs Footscray JUST

at Olympic Park No 1 3pm **SUNDAY**

Youth Game: Melbourne Croatia vs Footscray JUST

at 12.45pm

South Melbourne Hellas vs Brisbane Lions

at Middle Park 3pm **SUNDAY**



CHARLIE EGAN



ZORAN ILOISKI

Preston Makedonia vs Adelaide City

at Connor Reserve 3pm **SUNDAY**

Youth Game: Preston Makedonia vs Nunawading City
at 12.45pm

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at Seiffert Oval 3pm **SUNDAY**

Newcastle Rosebud vs Sydney Olympic
at Adamstown Oval 7pm **SATURDAY**

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Sydney Croatia vs APIA Leichhardt
at Croatian Sports Complex 3pm **SUNDAY**

Blacktown City vs Sydney City
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ACCEPTS UNTIL SOMEBODY WINS

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It's Croydon's turn now, Bobby

Ivan Duzel should join St Albans Dinamo in the next week while Polonia import Jan Wyczyslyk arrives next month.

Duzel is an attacking midfielder, formerly on the books of Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb. Wyczyslyk is a striker from Polish Second Division club Korona Kielce.

The big State League clash

This week is at Croydon Park where the 1985 league champion was beaten by Bobby McLachlan's Springvale City. These sides had a tremendous battle there last year with Springvale defying the odds to emerge a 2-1 victor.

The odds again are stacked in Croydon's favor this Sunday and this time I think it will win. I fancy that the Vales have a problem at the back and against Andy Humble, Graham French and Dave Brogan that could prove decisive.

But Croydon's defence will

have to be on its toes throughout the match, ever watchful of Springvale striker Greg House.

Western Suburbs can consolidate its top four spot by beating St Albans Dinamo at Ralph Reserve on Sunday. Both are ball playing sides and that should suit Suburbs which has the classier line-up.

Dinamo captain Ranko Culinia probably will be sidelined for this one. Coach Tony Virzina wants Culinia to rest an ankle injury that has worried the 1985 Rothmans Medal winner for the past two matches.

Polonia may have to settle for a point when it clashes with Box Hill at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia coach Kaz Kulak is hopeful of Greg Warszawski developing into a playmaker in midfield. Warszawski lined up in midfield against Frankston Pines and along with defender Rick Lipiarski, was Polonia's best. When Lipiarski was sidelined after last weekend's win over Polonia due to a hamstring injury but Craig Miller and Graham Watson are three weeks away from playing.

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Box Hill striker Phil Griffin should return to the starting line-up after injury. He came on as a substitute against Fawkner last weekend and with Griffin alongside George Gagic, Burton is likely to drop back into his customary midfield role.

Morell Falcons continue to struggle. They meet Frankston Pines at North Croydon Reserve on Saturday and Falcons' wing Ettie Cassar is likely to be dropped after his poor display against Thomastown last weekend.

I can't see Falcons beating a Pines outfit which looks as Croydon's biggest threat in the race for the championship.

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Anzac Day clash

• Due to Croydon's Nanda Cup commitments, the match between St Albans Dinamo and Croydon at Churchill Reserve has been rescheduled for Anzac Day, Friday, April 25.

The game was due to be played on Saturday, April 26.

The reserves will kick off at 1.30pm with the senior match starting at 3.30pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS v ST ALBANS DINAMO at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.

CROYDON v SPRINGVALE CITY at Croydon Park, 3pm.

State League details

Buffalo State League Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CROYDON	4	0	0	14	2	8
F'STON PINES	4	0	0	8	1	8
WEST SUBS	3	0	1	7	4	6
ST. ALB. DINAMO	1	2	1	5	3	4
Thomastown	1	2	1	4	3	4
Caulfield	2	0	2	8	4	4
Fawkner	1	2	1	3	3	4
Box Hill	1	2	1	3	3	4
Polonia	1	2	1	4	5	4
Springvale	1	2	1	2	3	4
Melb-Hungaria	1	1	2	4	7	3
Northcote	0	2	2	4	9	2
Wilhelmina	0	1	3	1	7	1
M'well Falcons	0	0	4	1	10	0

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CAULFIELD CITY 0 CROYDON 3 (Tofato own goal 24th, Livingstone 47th, MacLean 89th) at Princes Park, Saturday.

CAULFIELD CITY: Alexandropoulos 6 — Bitson 7, Tofato 5, Kouros 6, Tsakos 5 — Abraham 5, Armanadis 6, Filippou 5, Sahinidis 5 (Topic 50th) — Zemunik 7, Viegas 7 (Theocharous 58th). Coach: Takis Swings.

CROYDON: Bleby 7 — Brown 6, Tansey 8, O'Reilly 6, Beech 6 — McDonald 6, MacLean 8, Livingstone 8 — Brogan 6, Humble 7, French 6. Coach: Peter Ollerenshaw.

Best three for America Player of the Year award: 3. MacLean (Croy), 2. Abram (Caul), 1. Livingstone (Croy).

BOX HILL 1 (Gagic 55th) FAWKNER 1 (Sabatino 35th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McPhee 6, McMillan 6, Davidson 6, A. Roodehouse 6 — Taylor 5 (Griffith 50th), Hill 7, Hughe 7, Hennessy 8, Azzeopardi 6 — Burton 6, Gagic 6, Coates 6, Williams 6.

FAWKNER: T. Wilson 6 — Marfell 7, Fattore 8, Schipano 8, Bordini 8 — Sabatino 7, Quigley 5 (Walsh 65th), Angele 6, Di Cocco 7 — Tuffield 7, Cozzella 5 (Faria 75th). Coach: Peter Boyle.

Best three for America Player of the Year award: 3. Fattore (F), 2. Hennessy (BH), 1. Bordini (F).

THOMASTOWN 2 (Di Martino 7th, Carfora 12th) at Morwell Falcons 0 at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 — Rainey 7, Cosening 6, Panatto 8, Hackett 7 — Di Martino 9, Carfora 7, Kerr 6, B. Coyle 7 — McMillan 6 (Beller 58th), Ilhan 7 (Flaherty 77th). Coach: George McMillan.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6 — Bingham 6 (Inj. D. Wilson 34th, 5th), Bruns 6 — Tuck 6, T. Wilson 6 — Wilson 6, O'Connor 6, E. Coker 6 — Sartori 7, A. Cassan 7. Coach: D. O'Connor.

Best three for America Player of the Year award: 3. Di Martino (T), 2. Panatto (T), 1. Bruns (MF).

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Tuck 6th, Tann 90th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 6 — Vogel 6, Adams 6, Bissinger 6, Hobson 6 — Bell 6, B. Boyle 6 — Bruns 6 — Bonn 8 — Nelson 6, Atherton 8, House 8, Hough 8. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 10 — Beattie 8, Esposito 6, Dimovski 6, Lekkas 7 (Tran 83rd) — McCluskey 6, Kakanonis 6, Smallman 5 (Farmer 78th), Hamill 6 — Tuck 8, McGuiness 6. Coach: Jimmy Kavanagh.

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RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Storm 45th) MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 2 (Theodosopoulos 14th, Debono 64th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Brian 7 — Stojcevski 6, Womack 5, Corke 7, Lange 7 — McPhee 6, Taylor 5 (Griffith 50th), Hill 7, Hughe 7, Hennessy 8.

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Berghas 7 — Szabo 5, P. Bannon 7, Bird 5, Edmondson 6 — Tzambazis 6, Mills 5, Dagnall 6 — Theodosopoulos 8, Roberts 5 (inj. Thomas 43rd), Debono 7. Coach: Paddy Bannon.

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AMETCO TRAVEL AWARD

Ametco Travel, in conjunction with VSF Travel, will provide a return trip to Singapore for the 1986 State League Player of the Year.

Leading votegetters:

- 9 — M. Wilson (SLA)
- 6 — Dick (Pines)
- 5 — Theodosopoulos (MELB), Storm (RW), Di Martino (Thomas)
- 4 — MacLean (Croy), Bruns (MF).

LEADING SCORERS

- 5 — MacLean (Croy)
- 4 — Zemunik (Caul)
- 3 — French, Humble (Croy), Morovic (SLA)

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Preston Eliminators star Velece Kondinski

ELIMINATORS CRUISE

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Sunshine 1

SUNSHINE: Jones 9, Lee 7,
McNeilage 8, McIntyre 7,
Laing 7, Mills 7.

PRESTON ELIMINATORS:
H. Eideh 9, V. Kondinski 10,
Boin 8, Bissetto 7, M. Tosevski
7, S. Sella 7, Giacomi 8.

The State League game played at Sunshine between the home team and the Preston Eliminators turned out to be a comfortable win for the visitors, who even had the confidence to introduce new players.

Man of the match:
VELECE KONDINSKI
(P. Eliminators)

Although Sunshine scored an early goal through Mills, Preston did not take long to respond with goals from Bissetto and Kondinski.

Preston was fielding a new keeper, 15 year old Hass Eideh, who had a brilliant game, but Sunshine's keeper Jones also must be commended.

The second half began with a quick goal from the

kick-off by the skilful Velece Kondinski who is making his name felt in all sections of indoor soccer.

Throughout the game his ball skills were excellent as was his disposal to Boin, Bissetto and the others. Frustration unfortunately caused the exit of Sunshine's McIntyre leaving the side with four players.

Results: Bayswater 4 Geelong 1, Preston Eliminators 3 Sunshine 1.

YOUTH STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	PI
Bayswater	2	0	0	8	3	6
Preston Elim.	2	0	0	6	2	6
Geelong	1	0	1	4	4	4
Latrobe Val.	0	0	1	2	4	1
Knox	0	0	1	1	3	1
Sunshine	0	0	2	1	6	1

Coach Dean Poropat of

PRESTON LEAGUE

Devils 2

Makedonia 2

DEVILS: Di Corrado 9, Lugli 7, Racovatis 8, Morengos 9, Bouvinaris 7, Kafitoris 7, M. M. 7, A. M. 7, B. M. 8, Constantinos 7, Salas 7, Jakobovski 7, Kondinski 9, Jakobovski 8.

When Devils played Makedonia in the youth league competition for the Preston League the punters predicted an easy victory for the

powerful Makedonia team.

It's possible that the Makedonia boys started to believe their own publicity rather than turn on their exciting brand of football because the Devils quickly put them on the defensive.

The Devils, led by Steve Di Corrado in goal and John Marangos up front, were well served by hard working Andrew Lugli, Theo Racovatis, Steven

Bouvinaris and Gerry Kafitoris.

The Devils tight defensive formation made scoring very difficult for Makedonia and it took until the 13th minute before Danny Jakobovski broke through and scored with a powerful shot low and to the right of keeper Di Corrado.

Unperturbed, the Devils continued to attack and soon were rewarded when an excellent corner from

Racovatis found the boot of Morengos just outside the area and his quick shot found the net.

The second half started at the cracking pace and The Devils momentarily took a 2-1 lead when Morengos found a gap in the Makedonia defence and scored his second goal.

Kondinski lived up to his champion status and blasted a great goal seconds later to make the score 2-2.

The goals were attacked

with great ferocity as both teams worked for maximum points. Some great saves by Di Corrado prevented what seemed to be several certain Makedonia goals and the score remained 2-2 in an exciting contest.

In other Preston League highlights, down 3-1, Euronalions led by Frangalis with three goals, came back from the dead to defeat Cosmos 5-4, while Goodonya displayed great team work in its 4-2 victory over Split.

Senior results: Euronalions 5 Cosmos 4, Goondonya 4 Split 2, Makedonia 8 Mutundies.

YOUTH RESULTS: Devils 2 Makedonia 2, Junior Cosmos 2 Makedonia A.

STANDINGS

W D L F A PI

	W	D	L	F	A	PI
Makedonia	2	3	2	0	17	4
Junior	0	0	1	1	13	7
Cosmos	4	0	1	14	10	10
Devils	3	1	1	9	12	12
Makedonia	1	1	1	4	8	8
United	0	0	2	1	6	1
Nations	2	0	3	8	24	9

Spartans shocked

TURFITES SET FOR FINAL FOUR BERTH

Home Pride Crusaders provided the major upset in round seven of the Latrobe Valley Indoor Soccer League when they convincingly defeated Spartans 6-3.

The result for 8th placed Crusaders against 4th placed Spartans will give them the confidence and incentive to improve their current standing.

The youthful Crusaders have learnt a lot since their 4th round 6-9 loss to the Wallabies as they left Spartans standing flat-footed on many occasions.

Jerry Karlis and Joe Palmero, both only 15, showed signs of promise in indoor

soccer both scoring two goals each with Arthur Kondogorres and Zef Leke scoring one goal each.

Goalscorers for Spartans were Derek Bailey (2) and Richard Lloyd.

In the game between Gippstars and Monash, Andy De Haas scored four goals in a lightning fast encounter in which Gippstars defeated Monash 5-3.

Alan Winkelman, Leo Winkelman and C. Land scored for Monash.

In the Women's League, 2nd placed Miki Motos scored one of Miki Motos

two goals and is definitely set for a promising career once she adjusts to the skills required for this game.

Women's results: Cats 2 Femme Fatale 1, Socceroos 3 Rico Reds 0, Miki Motos 2 Turfites 1.

Men's results: Trak Records 11 Miki Motos 0, Home Pride Crusaders 6 Spartans 3, Gippstars 5 Monash 3.

Men's standings: Wallabies 12; Gippstars 10; Monash 8; Spartans 8; Wallies 5; Miki Motos 3; Trak Records 2; Home Pride Crusaders 2.

Women's standings: Socceroos 13; Miki Motos 10; Cats 8; Rico Reds 4; Turfites 4; Femme Fatale 1.

SUNSHINE LEAGUE

Triestina B.D. 2

Croat Raiders 1

ITALIAN BLACK DEV.

IL BONADIO 10, Saroni 9,

Varga 9, Del Porto 9, Severino 9, Lo Grasso 9.

CROATIAN RAIDERS:

Jutrisa 9, Zukasovic 8, Me-

casevic 8, Krajina 8, Music 9.

The Black Devils, with

only one loss against them and the under 18 Australian Indoor Champions Croatian Raiders gave everything they had in this game and it was the Black Devils who emerged triumphant in close contest.

They turned the tables for two weeks ago they were defeated 1-3 in a qualifying final against the Croatians but here they played like men possessed in a fast and furious game.

In the 8th minute the first goal came when Severino gained possession on the left after a pin-point

cross by Del Porto and he buried the ball in the top of the net with a powerful left foot drive.

The Raiders reacted in the best possible way, but Triestina goalie Mick Bonadio had an outstanding game, saving everything they threw at him.

In the second half Del Porto picked out Varga on the left and his soft shot deceived the Croatian keeper with the ball just trickling into the net.

With only two minutes to go, the Raiders finally scored through Krajina but the final whistle gave the Italians a deserved victory.

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